

In the Specification

(a) Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph that begins at page 2 line 10. The replacement paragraph with markings is:

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~~A messaging service which is advertised and described at <http://www.jfax.com>~~
~~apparently operates as follows.~~ A messaging service which is advertised and described at
a jfax web site apparently operates as follows. (Because USPTO policy prohibits
inclusion of hyperlinks in patents, the jfax web site address is not stated expressly here.
However, the jfax web site address can be produced by typing "www" followed by a
period followed by "jfax" followed by a period followed by "com". To conform with
USPTO policy, other web site addresses noted below are likewise restated using "period"
instead of being stated expressly.) The service provider provides each subscriber with a
special-purpose "private" telephone/fax number in a city specified by the subscriber. The
"private" number is apparently not a number published to assist voice communications,
that is, it is not typically listed in white pages or other telephone directories or available
through directory service. This private number can be used to provide subscribers with
access by phone to their email messages. When the subscriber calls in, the subscriber's
email messages are read to the subscriber over the phone using synthesized speech after
the system connects to the subscriber's Internet service provider. Voicemail can also be
accessed using the same private phone number. By dialing a toll-free access number and
entering an access code, subscribers can apparently send email to any fax machine, reply
to email with a voice message, and manage their messages. The provider links the unique
private phone number to email in order to route the subscriber's voicemail and faxes to
email. If the subscriber has access to a computer, then the subscriber can play voicemail
on the computer's speakers and display faxes on the computer's screen. Subscribers must
apparently download special-purpose software to their computers in order to access (as
email message attachments) faxes or voicemail sent to their private phone number. In
short, a private telephone number can be used to access email messages which were
apparently addressed using conventional email addresses, and voice or fax messages can
be converted to email attachments.

(b) Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph that begins at page 3 line 7. The replacement paragraph with markings is:

A2 ~~A voicemail messaging service is also discussed in "Address Resolution for Voicemail Systems: X.500 Methodology", which was obtained from the Electronic Messaging Association web site at <http://www.ema.com/vpimdir/directory/method.txt>. The Address Resolution document and other documents in <http://www.ema.org/vpimdir> refer to and/or describe a Voice Profile for Internet Mail (VPIM) specification. A~~
voicemail messaging service is also discussed in "Address Resolution for Voicemail Systems: X.500 Methodology", which was obtained from the Electronic Messaging Association web site at [www period ema period com/vpimdir/directory/method.txt](http://www.ema.com/vpimdir/directory/method.txt). The Address Resolution document and other documents in [www period ema period org/vpimdir](http://www.ema.org/vpimdir) refer to and/or describe a Voice Profile for Internet Mail (VPIM) specification. These documents, including Internet Engineering Task Force drafts on topics such as VPIM Addressing and Goals for VPIM, and papers on Voice Messaging Directories, Multi-Media Shared Directories, and other topics, are collectively referred to herein as the "VPIM Documents" and are incorporated by this reference. The voicemail messaging systems described in the VPIM Documents would apparently operate in ways which are consistent with the details described below.

(c) Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph that begins at page 4 line 19. The replacement paragraph with markings is:

A3 ~~An email to pager gateway described at <http://www.inconnect.com/pager.html>~~
[www period inconnect period com/pager.html](http://www.inconnect.com/pager.html) takes an email message and sends it to an alphanumeric pager. Messages must be sent to a specially formatted address:

(d) Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph that begins at page 22 line 10.

The replacement paragraph with markings is:

A4 ~~Figures 2 and 2A are meant to assist an understanding of the present invention, not to summarize every aspect of the invention or even every method or structure. The invention is defined by the claims, in view of the entire specification, not merely Figures~~

2 and 2A. In particular, steps may be repeated, as when a message is delivered several times to the same address during the deliver message step 262. Steps may also be omitted. For example, the respond to message step ~~288~~ 282 is optional. Steps may also be reordered or done concurrently, unless one step requires the result of a previous step. Moreover, steps may be grouped differently or renamed. Some or all of these variations may be present in an embodiment, regardless of whether they are expressly described or shown as optional outside the claims.
